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ROPE FACTORY NEARS COMPLETION;
NEW RAIL LINE PROGRESSES

On 7 May, construction of the rope factory building at Krogozhine was completed. Now, with the help of the Soviet engineer, Georgiy Sitisenko, the installation of the machinery has begun.

By 8 June about 60 percent of all the work of setting up two machines for processing hemp had been finished. Also, 80 percent of the installation of another machine, to be used for processing short hemp fibers, has been completed. In another part of the factory, the other two machines, called for by the plan of the factory, are being installed.

METHANE GAS LOWERS PETROLEUM COMBINE COSTS -- Bashirimi, No 1394, 14 Jun 49

The shortage of acetylene, which has been imported from abroad, has caused work stoppages many times. Furthermore, about 36,000 lek per month has been spent on this important material, whereas now requirements can be met by an expenditure of 4,000 lek.

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The workers' collective of the laboratory has also substituted methane gas for coal, saving 30 cubic meters of coal per month.

PROGRESS ON NEW RAILROAD LINE -- Bashkimi, No 1402, 23 Jun 49

The construction of the 38-kilometer Peqin -- Elbasan railroad line was begun some time ago. Work is now in progress on two large bridges over the Shkumbi River. According to the national plan, the line will be finished in 1950.

A total expenditure of 379,137,000 lek has been authorized for the construction of the line; of this amount 84,840,000 lek will be spent this year.

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